Bill Rickford was in town last Friday. Bill is more than pleased with the result of his crop this fall—he got 2000 bushels more than he expected, and was up against it for granary room, so he dumped it on the ground in the lean-to of his barn. Bill still pounds the piano and it is a rare thing if he isn't called to somebody's house to furnish music whenever he comes to town. He is great performer on the piano, and uses the essential part, the "third hand," or the pedal, just as it is written.